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January 4, 2016

Department of Transportation
Northwest Region
P.O. Box 330310
Seattle, WA 98133-9710

**RE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Reference # NWS-2015-249
Nationwide Permit #13 & Nationwide Permit #14 for the SR 542 High Creek Fish
Passage project in Whatcom County, Washington**

Dear Mr. Carlson:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' letter dated December 22, 2015, approving coverage under Nationwide Permit (NWP) #13 and NWP #14 for the above project.

Upon review of the JARPA received May 26, 2015, Ecology has determined that the project meets the requirements for Washington State 401 Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency under NWP #13 and NWP #14. Therefore, an Individual 401 certification will not be required for this project and you may proceed as directed by the Corps.

Any changes to your project that would impact water quality should be submitted in writing to Ecology before work begins for additional review.

This letter does not exempt you from other requirements of federal, state, and local agencies.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter at 360-407-7298 or e-mail pkel461@ecy.wa.gov

Sincerely,

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